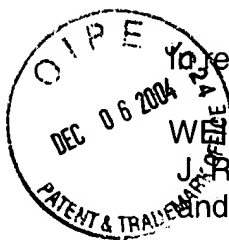


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Please consider the following amendments and remarks, in response to the
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Amendments to the Specification	None
Amendments to the Claims	Begin on page 2
Amendments to the Drawings	None
Remarks	Begin on page 7